

April 1999 Newsletter

Daffodil Greetings!

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Hippity-hoppety! Easter has come and spring too with totally glorious tulip trees, sun-yellow daffodils, and hyacinths of all colors. Wow!

And as a spring treat for you--RVAA has Al Barker demonstrating Monday, April 19th, 7:30 pm at the Pluckemin Presbyterian Church. Most of you have seen Al's award-winning work: oils, watercolors, miniatures and large works, in both originals and prints, and the wonderful job he does with nature and animals. So do come and give yourself an entertaining and instructive night out with Al Barker.

If by chance you receive this several days before RVAA's big trip to the Big Apple on Saturday, April 17th, to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art and to see the American Watercolor Society Show at the Salmagundi Club, and you want to go--only \$21. for the bus trip, which leaves from the upper parking lot of the Somerset County Library (near the Vo-Tech School) at 8:45 am, and you simply must go, you can call Bus Trip Chairwoman Debbie Hughes at 908/724-4639 to see if there are seats left.

The bylaws of Raritan Valley Arts Association state that we should elect officers every two years. Some offices are open. At the April meeting nominations will be taken from the floor. If you are unable to attend this meeting and would like to run for office you may volunteer by phone to President Linda Arnold at 908/647-3610.

Sadly, we have learned of the death of RVAA member Doris Haines, on March 12th, in Connecticut. She and Larry, who were married for 57 years, had printed and mailed our newsletters for many, many years. Doris was a beautiful person, kind and thoughtful, and her work was beautiful too. If you are interested in purchasing any of her watercolors, in framed or portfolio format, some of her lovely pieces are at Village Art Supply on Washington Valley Road, Martinsville. Cards of sympathy may be sent to Larry Haines, Glencrest Apt. 101, 3 Glen Hill Road, Danbury, Ct., 06811-4976 (Larry is ill) or to their daughter, Martia DeLaura, 587 Sayre Drive, Princeton, 08540. Larry and Doris had only moved to Connecticut last spring.

As part of Somerset County's Cultural Arts Day, President Linda Arnold

will be at the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Gallery, Courthouse Administration Building, Grove St., Somerville, on April 22nd, from 11 to 2:30. All who are interested in any of the arts--visual, dance, music, writing, theater, etc. are encouraged to visit the "booths". Or just come say hello to Linda. (or if you want to help her, or have questions about the day, ask at our meeting or phone Linda, please.)

RVAA members who are interested in showing at La Dolce Vita Restaurant should drop me a note--Nona Rutter and Debbie Seymour just finished two months there. A group show with John Spitzmiller, Sonja Weir, Sylvia Glessman, and Diana Patton is there now until May's end. If you're interested in June-July, or Aug-Sept, in a group show, or two, or solo, please let me know! If you're interested in being put in a group show with 4-8 pieces, also please let me know--plus what medium you use. Thank you! The restaurant, on Washington Valley Road in Martinsville, can take 33 works.

Raritan Valley Arts annual spring members' judged show will this year be a summer judged show, as the Somerset County Library can only take us in August, with both the lobby and the curved wall available! Elsa Herrmann will be getting a judge; Linda Arnold and I will be helping. Because it is summer and many of you go away, we must know ahead who is interested in entering the show. For example, if only a few can deliver and pick up Aug 1 and Aug 31st, perhaps two works per artist is feasible. Please call Linda at 908/647-3610 or drop me a note (my # is 908/722-0562, but some messages go astray).

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

The Garden State Watercolor Society Full Members Show is presently at the 1860 House, 124 Montgomery Road, Skillman, NJ, just off Rt. 206, before Princeton. Open Tues.--Sunday 10-3 (except 4/24), there are also poetry readings each Sat. & Sunday at 11 and 1 by the Poetry Society of Southern N.J. RVAA members Ed Baumlin, Elza Dima, Elsa Herrmann, Corinne Kenney, Fran Maurer, Joan McKinney, Diana Patton, Doria Terris, and Debbie Tintle are in this show. Show and readings through April 30. (RVAA members Connie Gray's and Diana Patton's shows continue in the Upstairs Galleries of the 1860 House)

The Fifth Annual Art Exhibit of the Artists of Bridgewater Township just closed at the Bridgewater Municipal Building. Among the many exhibitors were RVAA members Kathy Blair, Marge Braun, Carol Churchill, Marian Cornwell, Sherry Engelberg, Angela Fehrenback, Susan Furey, Tim Furey,

Sylvia Maria Glesmann, Molly Grace, Audrey Heintze, Jim Laubach, Diana Patton, Dorothy Varrone, and Ruth Wilson. Dorothy Varrone won a First Award for her watercolor "Lake District". Carol Churchill won a Third, and Sylvia Glesmann and Diana Patton won Honorable Mentions.

FRAN MAURER and DIANA PATTON were recently elected as Full Members of the New Jersey Water Color Society. At this writing the Full Member Show is just being hung at the Paper Mill Playhouse so we'll have the names of RVAA members in that show for the next issue. This show runs until June 1st.

NINA TRIPPANERA would like us to know that at ART'S ART STUDIO (Nina's Dad, whom we all knew and liked a lot) there are paintings, furniture, and gifts for sale. Please call Nina at 908/725-3966, "in honor and thanks for Arthur J. Trippanera."

So--now go out and paint, or garden, or just daydream before daffodils!

(But remember, if you wish to see more Members in the News, you should send me some!) (news, not members)